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His Excellency the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.
I regret to inform your excellency that a savage attack with TNT bombs took place yesterday on the civilian population of Chiquimula as well as strafing of that city and the cities of Gualan and Zacapa in this republic by invading planes coming from the neighboring Republic of Honduras and airports at the service of pirate planes in that same country, frontier zone, and especially the Honduran city of Santa Rosa Copan and other official airports of Honduras and of the United Fruit Company in that country. We also know that other planes are based in Nicaragua using civil and military airports. We have information that from today until Sunday such pirate planes will massively bomb the capital of this republic, Guatemala lacking modern aircraft to repel them owing to United States boycott on sale of planes to us for several years; that circumstance makes it impossible for us to defend ourselves from modern bombers and fighters which the mercenary invading forces possess. Guatemala appeals urgently to your Excellency to communicate to you this painful situation and asks that your enlightened government, always respectful of the human rights of which it has been the standard bearer be good enough to intercede with the security council of the United Nations so that its resolution of the 20th of this month regarding an immediate cessation of all activity provoking bloodshed not be flouted, and that the member states who lend overt assistance to the invaders comply with the abstention ordered in that resolution. Confident that your Excellency's enlightened government and the people of your cultured nation will condemn the inhuman and criminal aggression of which the unarmed civilian population of Guatemala is the victim and that your valued moral support will contribute to prompt reestablishment of the peace and security disturbed by the aforementioned mercenary invasion. I express to your Excellency the assurance of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

Guillermo Toriello
Minister of Foreign Relations of Guatemala

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